
RADIOACTIVE BULLETS USED ON IRAQ DURING GULF WAR

The continuing aftermath of the "Gulf War" leaves some of us wondering - 'who were the good guys, and who were the bad guys?'

Apart from the existing list of atrocities committed by the UK and USA which includes burying thousands of Iraqis alive; deliberately bombing civilian targets; massacring an entire column of Iraqis after the ceasefire; and allegedly using "mind control" weaponry; we now discover that allied forces were using anti-tank shells containing depleted Uranium (U-238) during the conflict.

In other words, radioactive bullets, designed to pierce armour were fired in the tens of thousands - enough to dump literally tonnes of radioactive material over large areas of Iraq and Kuwait.

According to the International Commission on Radiological Protection, the tank ammunition alone would contain more than 50,000 pounds of depleted uranium - enough material to cause more than 500,000 deaths. This does not count the bullets fired from aircraft which would be at least double this number.

The chemical toxins and radioactive materials from these anti-tank shells portend a wide-scale human and environmental disaster.

To make matters worse, soldiers, construction workers, and mine-clearing experts working in the Gulf since the war, have not been fully informed of the risks posed by this depleted Uranium scattered over vast areas of the region.

According to a UK newspaper, *The Independent on Sunday* (10th November 1991), the Atomic Energy Report on the health risks involved has not been circulated to the workers cleaning up in Kuwait. According to experts the biggest problem stems from workers breathing in radioactive dust, caused after the shells exploded on impact.



(Sources: Independent Times on Sunday, 10th Nov 1991; Press Release from Iraqi Embassy, Canberra, 27th November 1991)

U.S. PARENTS DEMAND ACTION ON VACCINES

A U.S. district court has been asked to compel the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) to publish accurate and complete information for parents on the risks and benefits of mandated childhood vaccines.

Earlier this year the National Academy of Science's Institute of Medicine (IOM) found a causal link between DPT (diphtheria-pertussis-tetanus) vaccine, brain inflammation and other serious reactions.

The IOM report found that available information supports a causal relationship between DPT vaccination and prolonged screaming, anaphylactic shock (sometimes life threatening), shock/collapse, seizures accompanied by fever and acute brain inflammation.

For more than two decades, doctors and parents have been warned by the vaccine manufacturers and HHS not to give more pertussis vaccine to children who have suffered these serious reactions.

Incidentally, two of the most prominent physicians from the Immunization Practices Advisory Committee, the HHS advisory committee which makes national vaccine

policy, have been asked to resign by concerned parents' bodies - due to conflict of interest for receiving more than US\$800,000 in "fees" and "grants" from certain vaccine manufacturers.

(Source: Spotlight 9th Sept '91)

DID YOU KNOW ...?

In the 25 years ended December 1962, nearly 2/3 of the children born in England and Wales remained unvaccinated for smallpox, yet only 4 children under 5 died from smallpox; while of the 1/3 vaccinated, 86 children under the age of 5 were killed by the vaccination, and

many more were seriously injured by it.

(Source: Reply in British Parliament dated February 12, 1964 and Registrar-General's records.)

MYSTERY OBJECT ELUDES ASTRONOMERS

The unidentified object that hurtled past Earth before dawn on Thursday remains a mystery, astronomers said yesterday, and it apparently slipped by without them getting a good look.

A week ago, astronomers had decided that the tiny object, which passed slightly farther away from Earth than the moon's distance of 240,000 miles, was probably an asteroid — a chunk of interplanetary rock probably less than 30 feet across - but observations on Monday by European astronomers working in Chile showed dramatic variations in brightness which suggest an irregularly shaped, tumbling object with great variations in its surface reflectivity, much more so than expected for a natural object like an asteroid, said Brian Marsden, an astronomer.

Marsden, director of the Cambridge-based International Astronomical Union's Bureau for Astronomical Telegrams and Minor Planet Center, said yesterday that the variation in brightness means that the object is likely to be artificial.

During its closest approach to Earth on

Thursday, the object was too far south to be visible from anywhere in the northern hemisphere. Astronomers at the European Southern Observatory in Chile tried to get pictures of it shortly after its closest approach in order to get more precise data on its exact path and to make further measurements of its brightness variations.

But as of yesterday, they were unable to find any sign of the object in their pictures.

Because of the difficulty of the observation and the faintness of the object, astronomers Richard West and Oliver Hainaut at the observatory in the Chilean Andes continued to examine their images carefully yesterday.

"I was hoping it would be natural," said Marsden, because that would make it a very unusual type of asteroid and the smallest ever detected, and therefore interesting to astronomers. But because of the brightness changes seen this week, he is now "90 percent sure" that it is artificial.

If it is artificial but not any known rock-
et, that might explain the astronomers' inability to locate it in their pictures, Marsden joked.

"Maybe that's why they couldn't be found last night," he said. "Maybe they landed."

(Source: The Boston Globe, 7th Dec '91, page 13)

FREEDOM OF SPEECH - NOT IN AUSTRALIA!

Australians did not have a guaranteed right to free speech, the High Court was told in early December. The court was told that although the right of free speech was recognised by the courts, the Australian Constitution did not guarantee it.

Mr David Jackson, for the Commonwealth Government, told the court the Government had the power to restrict expression to protect itself.

Mr Jackson was representing the Commonwealth in a case which could determine whether the Australian Constitution guarantees free speech.

The case arose following the 1989 publication in The Australian of an article by the late Max Newton criticising the then

Conciliation and Arbitration Commission. The Commonwealth says the article breached legislation allowing prosecution for contempt of the commission.

(Source: Courier Mail, 5th Dec. '91)

WHO CAN YOU TRUST?

A new book out on Walt Disney, claims that Walt was a paid informant for the FBI.

Author Marc Eliot was shattered to find that Disney's FBI file revealed he was a key informant for J. Edgar Hoover, and that he spied on his friends and helped prepare files on sexual and political leanings.

Eliot says that Disney's politics were "somewhat to the right of Attila the Hun" and ran to Hoover with every bit of scandal he heard on leftist artists.

It took 14 months of legal battling to obtain Disney's FBI file, and then the courts had to order the FBI to refrain from blocking out sections of the file.

(Source: Sun Herald, 1st Dec '91)

PROPOSAL TO TAX "BARTERING"

The Australian Taxation Office has issued a draft ruling which if becoming law, will tax bartered goods and services.

Australia's economic climate has seen several dynamic "barter" businesses emerge, one of the most popular being LETS (Local Employment Trading Scheme).

Others include Barter Card, and ContraBank.

The Taxation Commissioner, Trevor Boucher said that cashless trading has been used increasingly as a tax loophole by struggling businesses.

Until now, because there was no money exchanged in a barter agreement, the businesses could avoid paying tax, but the tax department says that the barter agreement was still a commercial transaction where a "profit" was made, even if no money was transferred.

The transfer of goods to another company would be seen as an increase in income, which was taxable, Mr Boucher said.

(Source: Daily Telegraph Mirror, 5th Sept '91)

CIA ADVERTISING FOR SPIES?

Most Nexus readers have likely already spotted ASIO advertising for spies in the local papers. Well it seems as though the CIA also advertises for spies in the local media.

The collapse of the Iron Curtain and the lack of a Cold War has made it difficult for the CIA to recruit the right kind of spy (whatever that is).

So the agency recently began a new, up front advertising campaign directed to ethnic minorities and using the slogan: "The CIA. Our Business Is Knowing The World's Business".

No - it's not a joke.

(Source: Sunday Telegraph, 3rd Nov '91)

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION UNIT ABOLISHED IN NSW

The next best thing to abolishing an Act you don't like, is to abolish the bureaucrats who are delegated to looking after it - that is, if you are the NSW State Government.

The Government came under heavy criticism for the move from Independent MPs, Mr. John Hatton, Ms. Clover Moore and Dr. Peter Macdonald.

The FOI unit was closed in July last year (1991), leaving responsibility in the hands of officials within other government departments. These officials, however, face a conflict of interest if information damaging to their departments is sought.

We wonder if it is because the NSW Government has something to hide?

(Source: Sydney Morning Herald, 2nd July '91)

HUGE DEMAND FOR CHEMICAL FREE FOOD IN AUSTRALIA AND OVERSEAS!

At a time when some Aussie farmers are having it tough, others can't supply the market fast enough.

Chemical free meat, grains, fruit and veges are more in demand than supply can cater to, and that is just in Australia. The biggest market demand is from overseas markets.

Take for example Mr David Williams, a biodynamic farmer near Gunnedah. Last

year his 300 hectares of wheat returned \$200 per tonne, while his neighbour received \$75.

In his area, critical wheat protein levels are falling, due to the use of chemical agriculture. Mr Williams regularly produces wheat up to 50% higher in protein than the area average.

He even exports wheat to France, in the heartland of the EEC, which has pushed down the world wheat prices to levels which are crippling many wheat farmers Australia wide.

(Source: Sydney Morning Herald, 24th Sept '91)

KUWAIT OIL VOLCANOS STILL ACTIVE

When Sheikh Jabir-al' Ahmad al-Jabir al Sabah strode purposefully towards the control panel to extinguish the last of the oil fires in Kuwait, he walked across some 12,000 tonnes of carefully washed sand, laid in the area to create an environmental illusion. As al Sabah ceremonially pressed the button that snuffed out the last of the flames for ever, he unwittingly quadrupled the magnitude of the oil disaster.

With a flick of his wrist al Sabah turned a valve at the podium, while the television cameras obediently panned swiftly to the last burning wellhead.

The flames ceased abruptly and the camera crew panned upward to record the last few wisps of oily black smoke drifting across a brilliant blue sky.

Moments later global electronic networks were confirming that the last of the Kuwaiti wells had been 'capped' in record time.

Sadly, nothing could have been further from the truth. The carefully orchestrated stage performance was a coldly calculated illusion.

The stage floor was constructed of bright yellow sand specially imported for the occasion, concealing the oily filth that lurked only inches below the surface.

Camera angles accidentally excluded the large number of uncapped high pressure wells still violently spewing plumes of oil into the air, with a combined flow so great the landscape was already being trans-

formed into a nightmare river system of filthy stinking black crude, bubbling with entrained gas.

While the wells were alight most of the oil was kept clear of the ground by combustion. With the fires out, the situation has deteriorated seriously.

The British World Conservation Monitoring Centre, supported by the UN Environmental Program, observed;

Burning wells cause less pollution damage than non-burning gushers.

With output from Kuwait and Iraq effectively at a standstill, Arab National production has decreased by 4.36 million barrels per day to 8.81 million barrels, a 33% drop.

If George Bush carries out his threat of military 'reprisals' against Libya for the alleged bombing of the Pan Am Jumbo, then oil production from that country might also be curtailed. If so, Arab national production will drop by a further 1.36 millions barrels per day or another 10.3%.

Libya was still providing humanitarian aid to Iraq when America and Great Britain 'suddenly' discovered new evidence alleging Libyan responsibility for the Pan Am bombing.

Overall, the USA could reduce Arab National production from 13.17 to 7.45 million barrels per day, a staggering 43%, accidentally providing an economic windfall for American multinational oil companies and the US economy as a whole.

The long term results of reduced production will be to increase world oil prices as high as US \$35 per barrel, a level that would generate a second miraculous windfall effect for the US and also Great Britain.

By Joe Vialls

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(Source: Pegasus Networks 2:34 pm Dec 1, 1991 peg:oz.antibases)

WAS MAXWELL MURDERED?

The mystery surrounding the death of media magnate Robert Maxwell deepens. A second autopsy has shown extensive bruising inconsistent with his merely having fallen or jumped into the sea.

Bruising was found to his left shoulder, brain, spine, nostrils and upper lip. An abdominal wound 12cm x 9cm was found on the right side above the waist.

It has been reported that Robert Maxwell had extensive links with Israeli Intelligence (Mossad) and the KGB. According to former Soviet police Col. Zaloman Levitsky, Maxwell had a "contractual, well-paid relationship" with the KGB, and was a "key link" in some secret operations run jointly by the KGB and the Mossad.

It also purported that Maxwell pressured his Israeli contacts for legal and financial help needed to stave off an imminent collapse of his empire. It is rumoured that upon being refused such aid, Maxwell warned his Israeli contacts that his downfall would prove "highly damaging" to the Israeli state.

"We still don't quite know who in the Mossad terminated him", said one British investigator, "but we know that they were the one outfit with strong motives and ample means to silence this desperate agent and potential defector."

(Source: Misc newspaper reports)

